#### NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

#### JOB DESCRIPTION AND QUOTATION REQUEST

REQUISITION # R16-11	BID OPENING DATE: February 28, 2011
	TIME: 3:00 P.M. CDT
BUYER: Gloria Ryken	Nebraska Dept of Roads
	Operations Division
TELEPHONE: (402) 479-4356	Attention: Gloria Ryken
	5001 So 14 <sup>th</sup> Street
DATE PROVIDED: February 11, 2011	Lincoln NE, 68512
	(Return bids in an envelope marked with requisition number to
	the above address)
	ached Specifications for Right Of Way mowing, Delineator post
	ds District Six Secondary Highways & surrounding areas. ALL
	price per acre. Interchanges, divided hwy medians & additional
acreages are included in the total. Delineator & Guardrail	moving shall be bid as a lump sum (est. three moving).
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Area 640 Delineator post & Guardrail mowing	Lump Sum per mowing
Area 650 season total estimated acres 1962	Bid Price per acre TOTAL:
Area 650 Delineator post & Guardrail mowing, est. mi	les: 750 miles Bid Price per mile
Information concerning this contract please contact Roger	Klasna at 308-535-8031 x204 or Gloria Ryken at 402-479-4356
NOTE: This form MUST be manually signed, in in	
	pecified in the bid request in order to be considered
for an award. By signing this form, the bidder gu	
in the Attachment(s) of the bid request and certif	ries that bidder maintains a drug-free work
place environment.	
Begin Date (on or after):	Completion Date: October 31, 2011
May 1, 2011	,
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NOTE: Proof of Insurance will be required prior to award and certificate must indicate "Paid Up" insurance dates.

- **A.** A Performance Bond or Certified Check shall be required.
- **B.** A Bid Bond is **NOT** required.
- 2. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:
  - A. General Liability (Minimum):
    - 1. \$1,000,000 bodily injury per person, \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

    - 2. \$1,000,000 property damage.

      B. Workers Compensation Insurance : \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

The State Department of Roads will only accept facsimile responses to quotation requests on bids under \$10,000 and up to ten (10) pages. (402) 479-4567

#### STATE OF NEBRASKA

#### Lincoln, Nebraska

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF CONTRACTUAL SERVICES SOLICITATION AND OFFER

**SCOPE:** These standard conditions and terms of Request for Proposal for Contractual Services and acceptance apply in like force to this inquiry and to any subsequent contract resulting therefrom.

**EXECUTION:** Proposals must be signed in ink by the bidder on the State of Nebraska's Request for Proposal for Contractual Services form. All proposals must be typewritten or in ink and include the signed State of Nebraska's Request for Proposal for Contractual Services form. Erasures and alterations must be initialed by the bidder in ink. No telephone, facsimile or voice proposals will be accepted. Failure to comply with these provisions may result in the rejection of the proposal.

**PAYMENT:** Payment will be made by the responsible agency in conjunction with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2401 through 81-2408). The State may request that payment be made electronically instead of by State warrant.

**COLLUSIVE BIDDING:** The bidder's signature on the State of Nebraska's Request for Proposal for Contractual Services form is a guarantee that the prices quoted have been arrived at without collusion with other eligible bidders and without effort to preclude the State of Nebraska from obtaining the lowest possible competitive price.

**SPECIFICATIONS:** Bidders must submit a proposal in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Request for Proposal.

**ALTERNATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The State, at its sole discretion, may entertain alternative terms and conditions which deviate from the Request for Proposal Requirements. Alternative terms and conditions may be considered if overall contract performance would be improved but not compromised, and if they are in the best interest of the State of Nebraska. Alternative terms and conditions must be submitted with the proposal and must be clearly identified and detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. Alternative terms and conditions are discouraged and unless explicitly accepted by the State are deemed to be rejected.

**PROPOSAL OPENING:** Openings shall be public on the date and time specified in the Request for Proposal. It is the bidder's responsibility to assure the proposal is delivered no later than the designated date, time and place of the proposal opening. Telephone and/or fax proposals are not acceptable. A proposal may not be altered after opening of the proposals.

**LATE PROPOSALS:** Proposals received after the time and date of the proposal opening will be considered late proposals. Late proposals shall be returned to the bidder unopened. The State is not responsible for proposals that are late or lost due to mail service inadequacies, traffic or other similar reasons.

**RECYCLING:** Preference will be given to items which are manufactured or produced from recycled material or which can be readily reused or recycled after their normal use as per state statute (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-15, 159).

**AWARD:** All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive proposals will be awarded according to the provisions in the Request for Proposal. The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the proposal, and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State.

**PERFORMANCE AND DEFAULT:** The State reserves the right to require a performance bond from the successful contractor, as provided by law, without expense to the State. Otherwise, in case of default of the contractor, the State may contract the service from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

NONDISCRIMINATION: The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act prohibits contractors of the State of Nebraska, and their subcontractors, from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§48-1101 to 48-1125). The contractor guarantees compliance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, and breach of this provision shall be regarded as a material breach of contract. The contractor shall insert a similar provision in all subcontracts for services to be covered by any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal.

**DRUG POLICY:** Contractor certifies that it maintains a drug free work place environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its drug free workplace policy at any time upon request by the State.

**GRIEVANCE AND PROTEST:** Grievance and protest procedure is available by contacting the buyer. Any Protests must be filed by a vendor within ten (10) calendar days after the intent to award decision is posted to the internet.

**FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS:** The consultant/vendor/contractor hereby agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS MACHINE MOWING OF HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY

### 2011 Mowing Season BID # R16-11

### District 6, Secondary Highway Mowing Superintendent Area 610, 620, 640 & 650

# GENERAL PROVISIONS Section I

**DESCRIPTION:** Machine mowing of highway Right-of-Way shall be performed on all designated areas where vegetation exists beyond the shoulder or pavement edge(s) of the roadway. This may also include on and off ramps of interstate interchanges, the interchange areas, and divided highway medians. The contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, and materials to properly accomplish the mowing cycles in accordance with schedules, specifications, and directions of the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR).

**CONTRACT PERIOD:** The contractor shall provide Right of Way mowing as required by the Department of Roads per attached specifications, terms & conditions for the 2011 mowing season with four-one year renewal options when mutually agreeable with the Contractor and the State of Nebraska.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** NDOR expects to adhere to the tentative procurement schedule shown below. It should be noted, however, that some dates are approximate and subject to change.

	ACTIVITY	DATE/TIME
1.	Release Request for Proposal	February 11, 2011
2.	Public Bid Opening: Location: Nebraska Department of Roads Operations Division 5001 So. 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, NE 68512	February 28, 2011 3:00 PM CDT
3.	Bid Tab Posted on the NDOR web site at: <a href="http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/operations/procure/">http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/operations/procure/</a>	March 2, 2011
4.	Post "Letter of Intent to Contract" to NDOR web site at: http://www.transporation.nebraska.gov/operations/procure/	March 4, 2011

**SUBMISSION OF BIDS:** Bids will be accepted until 3:00 pm on February 28, 2011. Bids will be either mailed or hand delivered to the Nebraska Department of Roads, Operations Division, 5001 So. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68512. No bids will be accepted after that date and time. It is the responsibility of the

Bidder to verify that the bid is received by the NDOR. The State is not responsible for bids that are late or lost due to mail service inadequacies, traffic or any other reason(s).

**BID OPENING:** The sealed bids will be publicly opened on the date and time specified under the Schedule of Events.

**AWARD:** All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive proposals will be awarded according to the provisions in the Request for Proposal. The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part, and at its discretion, may withdraw or amend the Request for Proposal at any time. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the proposal, and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State. The Request for Proposal does not commit the State to award a contract. If, in the opinion of the State, revisions or amendments will require substantive changes in proposals, the due date may be extended.

PRICE INCREASES: Bid prices shall remain firm for the duration of the original contract (i.e. through October 31, 2011). On subsequent extensions of the original contract, any price increases may be submitted in writing at least 120 days prior to the expiration. The Nebraska Department of Roads will review the price increase and have the option to accept or decline the increase. All price increases must include justification for change and provide proof of increase. Any price increase will be mutually agreed upon prior to any additional 12 month contract extension.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT / NONDISCRIMINATION: The contractor shall comply with all applicable local, State and Federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights laws and equal opportunity employment. The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act prohibits contractors of the State of Nebraska, and their subcontractors, from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin (Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-1101 to 48-1125). The contractor guarantees compliance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, and breach of this provision shall be regarded as a material breach of contract. The contractor shall insert a similar provision in all subcontracts for services to be covered by any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal.

**PERMITS, REGULATIONS, LAWS:** The contractor shall procure and pay for all permits, licenses and approvals necessary for the execution of the contract. The contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations.

**ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:** The bidder shall not take advantage of any errors and/or omissions in this Request for Proposal or resulting contract. The bidder must promptly notify the State of any errors and/or omissions that are discovered.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** By submitting a proposal, bidder certifies that there does not now exist any relationship between the bidder and any person or entity which is or gives the appearance of a conflict of interest related to this Request for Proposal or project.

**REFERENCE CHECKS**: The State reserves the right to check any reference(s), regardless of the source of the reference information, including but not limited to, those that are identified by the company in the proposal, those indicated through the explicitly specified contacts, those that are identified during the review of the proposal, or those that result from communication with other entities involved with similar projects.

**ASSIGNMENT BY THE CONTRACTOR:** The contractor may not assign, voluntarily or involuntarily, the contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder (including without limitation rights and duties of performance) to any third party, without the prior written consent of the State, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

**GOVERNING LAW:** The contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws and statutes of the State of Nebraska. Any legal proceedings against the State of Nebraska regarding this Request for Proposal or any resultant contract shall be brought in the State of Nebraska administrative or judicial forums as defined by State law. The contractor must be in compliance with all Nebraska statutory and regulatory law.

**CHANGES IN SCOPE/CHANGE ORDERS:** The State may, at any time with written notice to the contractor, make changes within the general scope of the contract. Changes in scope shall only be conducted with the written approval of the State's designee as so defined by the State from time to time. (The State retains the right to employ the services of a third party to perform any change order(s)).

The State may, at any time work is in progress, by written order, make alterations in the terms of work as shown in the specifications, require the performance of extra work, decrease the quantity of work, or make such other changes as the State may find necessary or desirable. The contractor shall not claim forfeiture of contract by reasons of such changes by the State. Changes in work and the amount of compensation to be paid to the contractor for any extra work so ordered shall be determined in accordance with the applicable unit prices of the contractor's proposal.

Corrections of any deliverable services or performance of work required pursuant to the contract shall not be deemed a modification requiring a change order.

**CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL:** The contractor warrants that all persons assigned to the project shall be employees of the contractor or specified subcontractors, and shall be fully qualified to perform the work required herein. Personnel employed by the contractor to fulfill the terms of the contract shall remain under the sole direction and control of the contractor. The contractor shall include a similar provision in any contract with any subcontractor selected to perform work on the project.

**NEW EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS:** The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. The Contractor hereby agrees to contractually require any subcontractors to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A

federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

The undersigned duly authorized representative of the Contractor, by signing this agreement, hereby attests to the truth of the following certifications, and agrees as follows:

**Neb.Rev.Stat. § 4-114**. I certify compliance with the provisions of Section 4-114 and, hereby certify that this Contractor shall register with and use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. I agree to require all subcontractors, by contractual agreement, to require the same registration and verification process.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

- 1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation form, available on the Department of Roads website at <a href="http://www.nebraskatransportation.org/projdev/docs/save/dr289.pdf">http://www.nebraskatransportation.org/projdev/docs/save/dr289.pdf</a>.
- 2. If the Contractor indicates on such Attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
- 3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.

**CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY:** The contractor is solely responsible for fulfilling the contract, with responsibility for all services offered and products to be delivered as stated in the Request for Proposal, the contractor's proposal, and the resulting contract. The contractor shall be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters.

If the contractor intends to utilize any subcontractors' services, the subcontractors' level of effort, tasks and time allocation must be clearly defined in the contractor's proposal. The contractor shall agree that it will not utilize any subcontractors not specifically included in its proposal, in the performance of the contract, without the prior written authorization of the State. Following execution of the contract, the contractor shall proceed diligently with all services and shall perform such services with qualified personnel in accordance with the contract.

**INSPECTION AND APPROVAL:** Final inspection and approval of all work required under the contract shall be performed by the designated NDOR personnel. The State and/or its authorized representatives shall have the right to enter any premises where the contractor or subcontractor duties under the contract are being performed, and to inspect, monitor or otherwise evaluate the work being performed. All inspections and evaluations shall be at reasonable times and in a manner that will not unreasonably delay work.

**BONDING REQUIREMENTS:** The selected contractor shall be required upon award of the contract to supply a certified check or a bond executed by a Corporation authorized to contract surety in the State of Nebraska, payable to the Department of Roads and shall be for the amount of 10% of the estimated one year contract value. **This requirement shall apply to any extensions and/or renewal periods.** The bond will guarantee that the selected contractor will enter into a contract with the State, and will insure that the faithful performance thereof. Failure to comply shall be grounds for the forfeiture of the bond as liquidated damages. The bond or certified check will be returned when the service has been successfully completed. The selected contractor will forfeit all or part of the bond or certified check for non-performance. Amount of forfeiture will be determined by the agency based on actual financial loss to the State.

**INVOICING & PAYMENT:** Invoices submitted for payment shall include the contract number under which the work has been performed, highway numbers, reference post numbers, and the total acres mowed. Work completed and accepted will be paid on the unit price bid per acre. The contractor's invoice shall be submitted to the Area Maintenance Superintendent for approval. Payment will not be made until the mowing cycle work area has been accepted by the Department.

**TAXES:** The State is not required to pay taxes of any kind and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. Any property tax payable on the contractor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the contractor.

**VIOLATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Violation of the terms and conditions contained in this Request for Proposal or any resultant contract, at any time before or after the award, shall be grounds for action by the State which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. rejection of a bidder's proposal;
- 2. suspension of the bidder from further bidding with the State for the period of time relative to the seriousness of the violation, such period to be within the sole discretion of the State.

**TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** If at any time during the performance of this contract, in the opinion of the Department, the work is not progressing satisfactorily or within the terms of this contract, then at the discretion of the Department and after 5 days written notice to the bidder, the Department may terminate this contract and or part of it. At this termination date, the bidder will be entitled to a pro rata payment for all materials and or work received and accepted by the Department.

The Department, by 5 days written notice, may terminate this contract in whole or in part, when it is deemed in the best interest of the State of Nebraska. If this contract is so terminated, the contractor will be compensated for the work performed up to the time of the termination notification. In no event shall payment for such costs exceed the current contract price.

**MOWING PROCEDURES:** A mowing cycle shall consist of one complete mowing of the areas designated in the mowing schedules. A mowing schedule shall contain the necessary information such as highway and reference post numbers, designated acreage, supervisor number, etc., in order for the

contractor to accomplish his/her work. The contractor shall perform the number of mowing cycles as described in the mowing schedule. The Department reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of mowing cycles.

The first mowing cycle is generally performed before the observance of Memorial Day. The final mowing cycle shall be performed generally after Labor Day. If conditions warrant an earlier start or a later finish than the mowing schedule, written authorization must be received from the Department of Roads before any work is performed. Intermediate mowing cycles shall be performed in accordance with the mowing schedules, or as conditions warrant.

The contractor shall begin mowing operations within one week after receiving notification from the Superintendent. He /she shall also notify the area Maintenance Superintendent when a mowing cycle is completed. A mowing cycle shall be considered complete when it is inspected and accepted by the Area Maintenance Superintendent or his/her appointee. If all or a portion of a mowing cycle is considered unacceptable, the contractor will be required to correct the problem area to an acceptable condition, at no cost to the Department of Roads.

Mowers shall be adjusted to a minimum height of five (5) inches from the ground. Blades shall be kept sharp to provide a neat uniform cut across the entire width of the cut area. No stripping, scalping, or shallow cutting will be permitted. Vegetation should not be allowed to get beyond a height that will cause unsightly clumps and bunches when mowed. The contractor may be required to re-mow these areas to correct the unsightly conditions, at no cost to the Department of Roads. The contractor shall mow as close as possible to all fixed objects without causing damage to these fixed objects.

Mowing operations shall be performed only during the daylight hours. If the contractor mows on Saturday and/or Sunday, the Area Maintenance Superintendent shall be notified of such activities, in the event damage would occur to any traffic control and/or warning signs that would need repair or replacement.

When equipment is not in use, it shall be parked or stored off the pavement or shoulder of the highway in an inconspicuous location no less than 40 feet from the edge of the pavement. The equipment shall be parked or stored so that it will not cause sight distance problems with the traveling public.

**EQUIPMENT AND SAFTEY FEATURES:** All contractor equipment must be in good working condition and is suitable and safe for the work to be performed. Any equipment found to be unsuitable or a hazard to highway users shall be repaired or replaced, at the expense of the contractor, before mowing operations can begin. All rotary-type mowers shall be equipped with skirt guards of metal or chain to restrict foreign objects from being thrown on to the roadway surface. Tractors shall be equipped so as to conform to all OSHA regulations, which include flashing amber lights and slow moving vehicle emblems.

The use of batwing mowers shall be limited to areas of sufficient width to allow the operation of all sections of the mowers in the down position at all times. When a mower of any type is being moved from one site to another, with the mower unit raised, the PTO shaft for the mower shall not be engaged.

**DAMAGE TO HIGHWAY PROPERTY:** The contractor shall carry out operations in such a manner so as to not damage existing ground areas, trees, shrubs, signs, delineator posts, mail boxes and posts, or other roadside features. The contractor shall not mow in wet conditions where turf damage or rut damage would occur. In the event damage should occur to any of the above-mentioned features, regardless if it is State or private property, the contractor shall replace or repair the damaged areas or items at no cost to the Department of Roads. The operator shall straighten delineators and signs that are bent over during the

mowing operations, at the time damage occurs. In the event highway traffic control and/or warning signs are damaged beyond repair, the operator shall notify the area Maintenance Superintendent immediately so that replacement of the damaged sign(s) can be made. The cost of such repair and/or replacement of damaged State property shall be deducted from any payment due the contractor. The cost of repair and/or replacement of damaged private property shall be the responsibility of the contractor and the property owner, with no involvement of the Department of Roads.

**CONTRACTOR LIABILITY:** The contractor shall assume full liability for hazards to traffic that might be created by the mowing operations and save harmless the Nebraska Department of Roads. It is the contractor's responsibility to clear the roadway surface of foreign objects such as tires, logs, cans, bottles, excessive vegetation, etc. that may become a hazard to highway users.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The contractor shall not commence work under the contract until he or she has obtained all the insurance required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the State. The contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on his or her subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved by the State (or contractor). Approval of the insurance by the State shall not limit, relieve or decrease the liability of the contractor hereunder.

If by the terms of any insurance a mandatory deductible is required, or if the contractor elects to increase the mandatory deductible amount, the contractor shall be responsible for payment of the amount of the deductible in the event of a paid claim.

#### 1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract the statutory Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the contactors' employees to be engaged in work on the project under the contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the subcontractor's employees to be engaged in such work. This policy shall be written to meet the statutory requirements for the state in which the work is to be performed, including Occupational Disease. This policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State. The amounts of such insurance shall not be less than the limits stated hereinafter.

## 2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract such Commercial General Liability Insurance and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance as shall protect contractor and any subcontractor performing work covered by the contract from claims for damages for bodily injury, including death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under the contract, whether such operation be by the contractor or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and the amounts of such insurance shall not be less than limits stated hereinafter.

The Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, and provide Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, Personal Injury and Contractual Liability coverage. The policy shall include the State, and others as required by the contract documents, as an Additional Insured. This policy shall be primary, and any insurance or self-insurance carried by the State shall be considered excess and non-contributory. The Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall be written to cover all Owned, Non-owned and Hired vehicles.

#### 3. INSURANCE COVERAGE AMOUNTS REQUIRED

#### a. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY

Coverage A Statutory

Coverage B

Bodily İnjury by Accident \$100,000 each accident Bodily İnjury by Disease \$500,000 policy limit Bodily İnjury by Disease \$100,000 each employee

#### b. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

General Aggregate \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate \$2,000,000

Personal/Advertising Injury \$1,000,000 any one person
Bodily Injury/Property Damage \$1,000,000 per occurrence
Fire Damage \$50,000 any one fire
Medical Payments \$5,000 any one person

#### c. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Bodily Injury/Property Damage \$1,000,000 combined single limit

#### d. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY

Over Primary Insurance \$1,000,000 per occurrence

#### 4. EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

The contractor should furnish the Nebraska Department of Roads, a certificate(s) of insurance coverage complying with the above requirements before a contract is executed. Each policy or its declaration pages shall provide that the policy shall not be materially changed or canceled until the Department of Roads has been given at least 30 days advance notice in writing. If any policy is canceled during the duration of the contract, a satisfactory replacement policy must be in force, with notice and evidence of insurance to the Department, prior to the effective date of cancellation of the former policy.

These certificates or the cover sheet shall reference the Nebraska Department of Roads as the certificate holder and the certificates shall include the name of the company, policy numbers, effective dates, dates of expiration and amounts and types of coverage afforded. If the State is damaged by the failure of the contractor to maintain such insurance, then the contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs properly attributable thereto. Certificates of insurance will not be accepted unless the insurer is licensed by the Nebraska Department of Insurance.

Notice of cancellation of any required insurance policy must be submitted to NDOR when issued and a new coverage binder shall be submitted immediately to ensure no break in coverage.

Failure to furnish the required proof of liability insurance shall be just cause for cancellation of the award. Failure to furnish notice of cancellation or change in the policy will result in the temporary suspension of work. Temporary suspension shall remain in effect until proof that the required insurance in effect is received by the Department. If no proof of insurance is received within 10 days of the suspension order, the contract will be subject to cancellation.

# MOWING REQUIREMENTS Section II

#### A. ROW Mowing

#### Rotary mowers only

12" maximum distances from signs, poles object markers etc.

12" maximum distances from washouts.

12" distance from any culvert or other obstruction.

If the grass is balling up and/or streaking during the mowing process, then two (2) passes or whatever is necessary will be required in order to ensure that the grass is shredded into finer pieces.

All areas that are torn up by the mowing operation will be reseeded by the contractor. The Department will furnish the seed mix and fertilizer mix that the contractor is to use. The areas will be reseeded at the end of each mowing cycle.

#### B. Secondary Highways (The following applies to areas 610, 620, 630, 640)

- 1. Outside shoulders: Maximum15 foot along shoulders.
  - Time frame- completed with each mowing cycle after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.
  - Do not mow wetland areas.
  - Care is to be taken to prevent damage to back slopes.
  - Care is to be taken to prevent damage to Delineators, Sign Posts, Trees and Structures
  - Mow out all drives, county and highway intersections along the highway. Mow 90 degrees to the ROW line.

#### 2. Slope Mowing

- **Rural Areas** Slopes 3:1 and steeper shall not be mowed and shall be identified with a marker, or a slope indicator shall be attached to each tractor that is used for mowing.
- **Urban Areas** Some 3:1 and steeper slopes may be mowed. Use the equipment specifically designed for the operation providing safety for the operator.

#### 3. Mowing Height

Rotary mowers shall be set no closer than five (5) inches to the ground. The cutting height shall be frequently checked by the operator.

- **4.** <u>First Mowing</u> Generally before Memorial Day after the notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.
  - When mowing in one direction, the opposite side of the highway must be mowed within 5 calendar days.
- **5. Second Mowing** Memorial Day to Labor Day

- The second mowing will be directed to correcting sight distance problems wherever they occur.
- Minimum and maximum widths are the same as the first mowing unless directed by the Departments Supervisor.
- When mowing in one direction, the opposite side of the highway must be mowed within 5 calendar days.

#### **6.** <u>Intermediate Mowing</u> – As needed to second mowing standards.

- Grass no taller than 16" in height, as directed by the Departments Supervisor.
- Time frame- after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.

#### 7. Final Mowing - (Labor Day – October 15)

- Minimum and maximum widths are the same as the first mowing unless directed by the Departments Supervisor.
- Time frame- after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.

#### 8. Hand Mowing

- The intent of the policy is to maintain Department of Road delineators, guard rails and sign posts to an esthetically pleasing condition with no vegetation over 12" to create drifting problems or blocking the view of the delineator or sign.
- Contractor must hand mow around all delineators, signs, culvert markers, no passing zone markers and any other markers on State Right Of Way that are machine mowed around or behind.
- Hand mowing will be done within one month of final Mowing. Exception: In area 640, hand mowing around all signs and guardrails will be done with every other mowing.
- All costs associated with Hand mowing including all materials equipment and incidentals
  will be included in the bid price under "Lump Sum" and "Bid Price per the mile" for 650
  area.

#### 9. Additional Mowing -

Time frame- generally Labor Day – October 15 after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.

#### Examples of additional Mowing

- Wet Season Growth (Additional cut)
- Total Mow-out areas where additional mowing is needed for aesthetics.
- Total Mow-out Waterways All waterways are to be kept clear and major waterways can be mowed, if possible.
- Snow Control Mowing The final mowing may extend beyond the 15-foot zone for snow control in those areas that require an extra mowing.

#### Method of Measurement - Per Acre.

The Contract Bid Price shall include all labor material equipment and incidentals to complete the ROW mowing as described.

#### 10. Total Mow Out

Total mow out is to be performed as is directed by the Superintendent during one of the scheduled mowings. Minimum and maximum widths are directed by the Departments Superintendent or his designee.

#### C. Secondary Highways (The following applies to area 650)

- 1. Outside shoulders: Maximum10' or 15' depending on the route.
  - 15 foot along routes with shoulder at least 15' wide (Hwy 2 and 83)
  - Time frame- completed with each mowing cycle after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.
  - Do not mow wetland areas.
  - Care is to be taken to prevent damage to back slopes.
  - Care is to be taken to prevent damage to Delineators, Sign Posts, Trees and Structures
  - Mow out all drives, county and highway intersections along the highway. Mow 90 degrees to the ROW line.

#### 2. Slope Mowing

- **Rural Areas** Slopes 3:1 and steeper shall not be mowed and shall be identified with a marker, or a slope indicator shall be attached to each tractor that is used for mowing.
- <u>Urban Areas</u> Some 3:1 and steeper slopes may be mowed. Use the equipment specifically designed for the operation providing safety for the operator.

#### 3. Mowing Height

Rotary mowers shall be set no closer than five (5) inches to the ground. The cutting height shall be frequently checked by the operator.

- **4.** <u>First Mowing</u> Generally after Memorial Day after the notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.
  - When mowing in one direction, the opposite side of the highway must be mowed within 5 calendar days.

#### **5. Second Mowing** – Memorial Day to Labor Day

- The second mowing will be directed to correcting sight distance problems wherever they occur.
- Minimum and maximum widths are the same as the first mowing unless directed by the Departments Supervisor.
- When mowing in one direction, the opposite side of the highway must be mowed within 5 calendar days.
- **6. Intermediate Mowing** As needed to second mowing standards.
  - Grass no taller than 16" in height, as directed by the Departments Supervisor.
  - Time frame- after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.

#### 7. Final Mowing - (Labor Day – October 15)

- Minimum and maximum widths are the same as the first mowing unless directed by the Departments Supervisor.
- Time frame- after notice to proceed is given by the Area Maintenance Superintendent.

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- Hand mowing will be done within one month of final Mowing.
- All costs associated with Hand mowing including all materials, equipment, and incidentals will be included in the bid price per mile.

#### 9. Additional Mowing

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#### **Examples of additional Mowing**

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#### Method of Measurement - Per Acre.

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#### 10. Total Mow Out

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Contractor or contractors will be required to tour the mowing sites after the award of bid with the Area Maintenance Superintendent before beginning mowing operations.

### Section III Mowing Safety

#### Marking Obstructions on the Right-of-Way

- A. Marker posts are to be placed to identify and locate all culvert pipe, concrete box culverts, headwalls, flared end sections, splash basins, flumes, drop inlets, or other objects difficult to see from the seat of a mower.
- B. All marker posts shall be 61/2 foot lightweight steel posts with a 3-button delineator at the top.
- C. Marker posts which have been damaged shall be straightened, plumbed or replaced as a matter of course.

#### 2. Cutting and Clearing of Vegetation on the Right-of-Way

#### A. Mowing with tractors

- There are numerous hazards to which the mower operator is subjected. These include: washouts, ruts, culverts, markers, mowing on steep slopes, flying debris, passing motor vehicles, excessive operating speeds and others.
- For the protection of employees, the supervisor shall inspect and patrol the area to be mowed for physical hazards. The supervisor shall also make sure that all personnel are fully clothed and are wearing bright orange or yellow-green clothing such as vests, shirts, jackets, coveralls and caps. Eye protection may also be required.
- For the added protection of employees, slopes that are 3:1 or steeper, or abnormal
  terrain where conditions are adverse, shall not be mowed. Sickle bar mowers shall be
  used with the sickle bar pointed toward the upside of the slope. The operator shall
  wear a safety seat belt when tractors are equipped with a Roll-Over Protection
  Structure (ROPS).
- 4. Mowing side by side, or in close tandem shall be avoided. Stay far enough from each other to avoid any flying objects such as stones or other foreign materials. Stay in your seat until the power take-off has been disengaged and the mower has come to a complete stop.
- 5. Never attempt to unclog or adjust a running machine even at idle speed. In raising a cutter bar, keep hands and fingers away from guards. Fingers can be severed by a falling knife even if the PTO is disengaged. Spare sickle bar blades shall be stored in such a manner that if the front of the tractor strikes an object, the spare blades cannot move into the operator's area.
- Mow with flow of traffic except in special circumstances or where permission is granted by your supervisor.

#### B. Mowing with Small Hand Rotaries

- Small rotary hand mowers are to be used in improving landscaped areas and in other
  areas that require mowing, but are inaccessible to tractor units. Traffic circles,
  intersection lawn areas, and steep slopes are such areas. Other locations to be
  mowed in this way include areas around culvert inlets and outlets, bridge ends, and
  immediate areas near highway signs, guardrails or posts, and traffic control devices.
- There are precautions to be exercised when operating small rotary hand mowers. These precautions include clearing the area of debris before mowing, staying off wet slopes and locating of large rocks or similar objects to be avoided when mowing.
- 3. Other safety measures to be followed are those of disconnecting the ignition wire when cleaning or replacing blades, shutting off the engine when the mower is unattended or when refueling, and keeping fingers and feet away from rotary blades. Safety-toed shoes shall be worn when operating small hand rotaries. All shields and guards shall be in place when equipment is running.

#### C. Flying Debris

Flying debris is a constant hazard when using rotary mowers. Flying debris is caused by poorly spaced or missing chain debris guards and by mowers that are set too low. Mowers should be shut off when crossing driveways and county road intersections.

Heated or welded mower blades may become brittle or break and, therefore, shall not be used.

For the protection of the traveling public, several factors should be considered. Mower operators should try to eliminate flying debris. This can be accomplished by directing the possible flying objects toward the ditch and backslope, rather than towards the roadway.

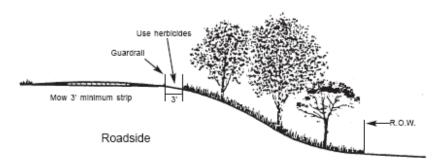
#### D. Rules for Tractor-Mowers

- All motor vehicle laws will be observed.
- All highway mowers shall be identified with the slow moving vehicle warning emblem and flags.
- Only cross the road with the tractor and mower at locations where there is adequate sight distance.
- 4. All mowers shall be disengaged when moving onto the road.

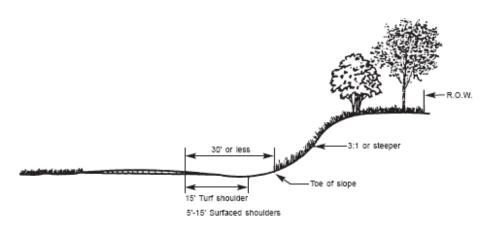
#### Section IV

# **Mowing Details**

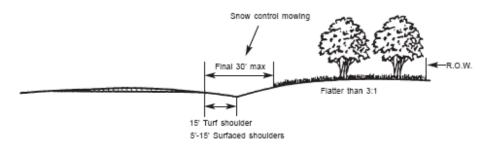
A. Guardrail - mow to a minimum of 3 feet beyond guardrail. Herbicides will reduce the need for hand trimming under the guardrail and surfacing under the guardrail will eliminate the chemicals. When the slope beyond the guardrail is less than 3:1, it will be mowed to 30 feet on the snow control mowing. If the entire right-of-way is to be mowed, this area will also be mowed.



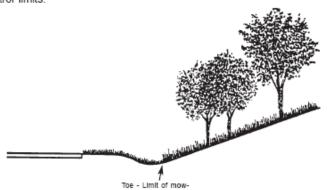
B. Slopes that are 3:1, or steeper shall not be mowed. On the final snow control mowing, the mowing section is to be extended as shown in this detail. <u>Do not mow up the slope.</u>



C. Slopes that are flatter than 3:1, either cut or fill, shall be mowed as shown in this diagram, except when the entire right-of-way is mowed.

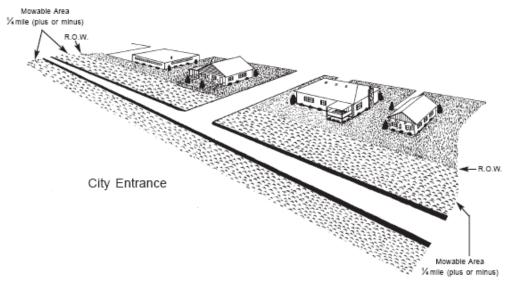


D. The toe of the slope is the limit of mowing, even if it falls inside the 15-foot or snow control limits.



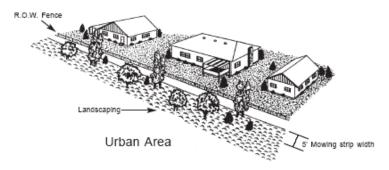
#### E. City Entrances

Mow the city entrances as required to maintain them in an attractive manner.

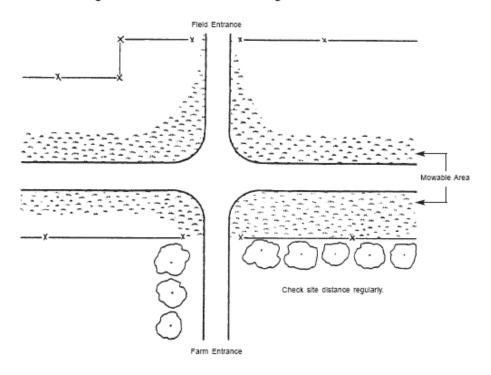


#### F. Urban Area Fence Lines

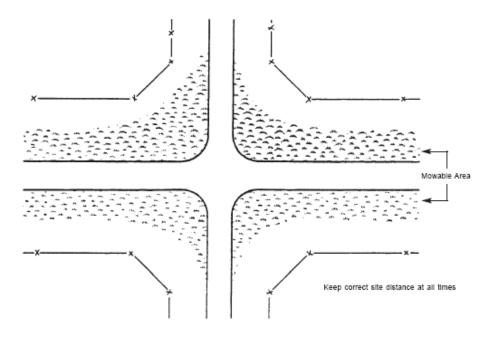
Mow a 5-foot width to the fence where landscape plantings and degree of slope permit.



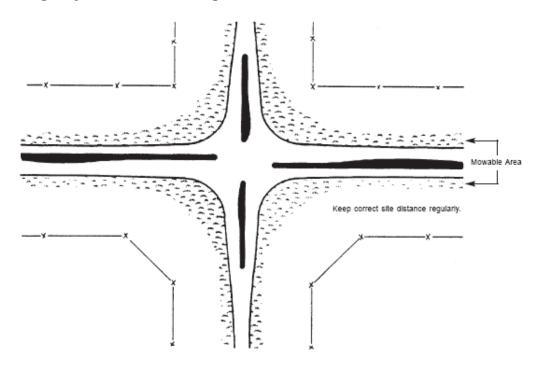
#### G. Farm Dwelling and Field Entrance Mowing



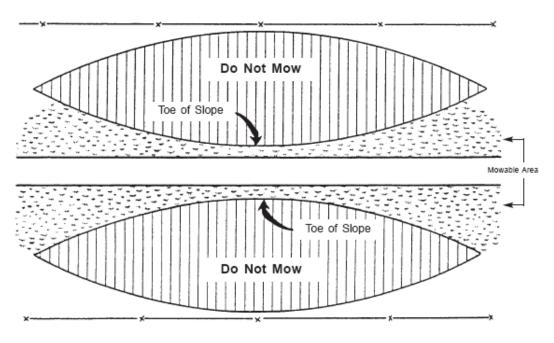
#### H. County Road Intersection Mowing



### I. Highway Intersection Mowing

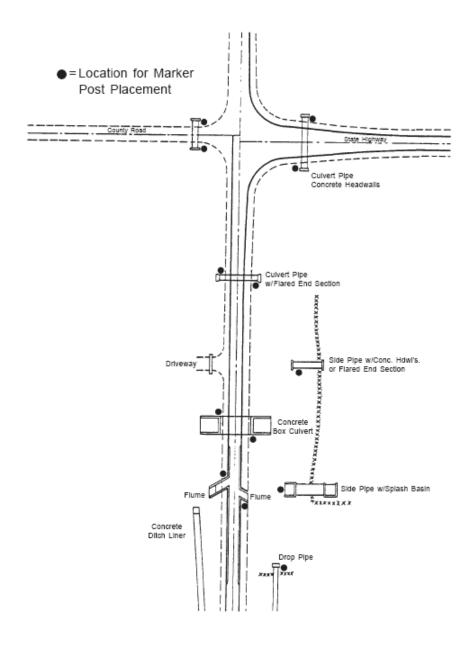


#### J. Slopes 3:1 and Steeper



## **Typical Installation of Marker Posts**

The following roadway indicates typical placement of marker posts. Care shall be exercised in marker post placement to avoid damage to culvert pipe headwalls, parapet walls, etc.



## 610 mowable acres on D6 secondary roads

UPDATED NOV. 2009

miles x 5280 x 30 / 43560

Hwy	Begin	Beginning R.P.	to	Ending R.P.	Miles		Width	Acres	Accum Acres
21	Village of Cozad (South)	13.00		0	13	Rct 21 & 23	30'	47.27	47.27
21	Oconto	52.66		28.68	23.98	City of Lexington (North)	30'	87.20	134.47
30	Village of Elm Creek	257.06		201.01	56.05	Village of Brady	30'	203.82	338.29
47	Jct 47/40	86.64		47.08	39.56	Dawson County Line (South)	30'	143.85	482.15
283	City of Lexington (South)	55.24		54	1.24	Lexington South	30'	4.51	486.65
L24B	Overton Link	3.50		0.00	3.50		30'	12.73	499.38
L24A	Darr Link	1.85		0.00	1.85		30'	6.73	506.11
L56D	Brady Link	1.74		0.00	1.74		30'	6.33	512.44
						One mowing =		512.44	Acres
	Adjustments thru towns								
	#47 thru Gothenburg	64.11		61.49	-2.62				
	#30 thro Gothenburg	212.79		214.25	-1.46				
	#30 thro Lexington	236.88		238.44	-1.56				
	#30 thro Overton	248.41		249.18	-0.77				
	#30 thro Cozad	223.22		224.36	-1.14				

Total Adjustments -8.55

30'

-34.79

**Total Adjusted Acres** 

477.55

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Hwy	Begin	Beginning R.P.	to	Ending R.P.	Miles	V	Nidth	Acres	Accum Acres
23	Lincoln County Line	70.45		43.98	26.47	Jct. 83-23 Near Wellfleet	30'	96.25	96.25
25	Village of Sutherland	103.89		80.51	23.38	Equa. Near Wallace	30'	85.02	181.27
25	Equa.	63.24		53.28	9.96	Lincoln Co. Line So. of Wallace	30'	36.22	217.49
30	Village of Brady	200.64		178.17	22.47	City of North Platte (East)	30'	81.71	299.20
30	In North Platte	179.84		178.17	1.67	30/L56G	30'	6.07	305.27
30	(West) City of North Platte	175		157.54	17.46	Village of Sutherland	30'	63.49	368.76
83	North Platte north	91		84.52	6.48	City of North Platte (North)	30'	23.56	392.33
83	City of North Platte (South)	80.03		51.82	28.21	Lincoln Co. Line So. of Wellfleet	30'	102.58	494.91
S56A	Maxwell Spur	3.88		0.00	3.88		30'	14.11	509.02
L56C	Hershey Link	1.98		0.00	1.98		30'	7.20	516.22

one mowing =

516.22

Acres

## **640 Mowable Acres on D6 secondary roads**

Updated Nov. 20
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		Beginning		Ending					Accum.
Highway	Begin	Ref. Post	to	Ref. Post	Mile		Width	Acres	Acres
2	Dunning	237.48		277.87	40.39	Broken Bow	30	146.87	146.87
2	Broken Bow Jct 2/70	279.91		307.4	27.49	Sherman County Line	30	99.96	246.83
21	Oconto	52.65		73.1	20.45	Broken Bow	30	74.36	321.20
40	Arnold	.50		65.48	64.98	Miller Jct 183/40	30	236.29	557.49
91	Dunning	0.00		15.07	15.07	Brewster Jct 91/7	30	54.80	612.29
70	Broken Bow Jct 2/70	75.01		87.12	12.11	Hwy 183/70 (North Jct.)	30	44.04	656.32
70	South Jct. 183/70	88.12		97.17	9.05	Valley County Line	30	32.91	689.23
92	83/92 Jct.	232.96		273.40	40.44	Merna Jct 2/92	30	147.05	836.29
92	Ansley	299.86		308.81	8.95	Sherman County Line	30	32.55	868.83
183	South Custer County Line	72.62		88.41	15.79	Ansley Jct 2/183	30	57.42	926.25
183	Ansley Jct 183/2	88.83		121.91	33.08	Loup County Line	30	120.29	1046.54
S21A	Anselmo Spur	0.00		6.25	6.25		30	22.73	1069.27
S21C	Comstock Spur	0.00	•	7.36	7.36		30	26.76	1096.03
S24C	Eddyville Spur	0.00	•	0.11	0.11		30	0.40	1096.43
S21B	Callaway Spur	0	•	0.72	0.72		30	2.62	1099.05

One mowing =

1099.05 acres

### 650 Mowable Acres on D6 Secondary Roads

Updated Nov. 2009

		Beginning		Ending					Accumulative
Highway	Begin	Ref. Post	to	Ref. Post	Miles		Width	Acres	Acres
2	Sheridan County Line	132.85		237.48	104.63	Village of Dunning	30	380.47	253.65
61	Arthur North	124.24		156.99	32.75	Jct. 2/61	20	79.39	333.04
61	Hyannis	158.71		165.86	7.15	Sheridan County Line	20	17.33	350.38
83	Stapleton North	112.09		148.09	36	Thedford	30	130.91	481.29
92	Arthur East	164.12		228.95	64.83	Stapleton	20	157.16	638.45
97	Tryon North	31.06		102.85	71.79	Brownlee Rd.	20	174.04	812.49
S-57A	Gandy Spur	0.00		2.25	2.25		20	5.45	817.94
S-86A	Seneca Spur	0.00		0.46	0.46		20	1.12	819.06
83	Thedford East	149.25		156.56	7.31	Cherry Co. Line	30	26.58	845.64
S-86B	Halsey Forest Spur	0.00		3.44	3.44		20	8.34	853.98

one mowing = 980.80 Acres

sandhills area will be mowed only twice unless additional growth occurs

# **United States Citizenship Attestation Form**

For the purpose of follows:	complying with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, I attest as					
☐ I am a citizen	of the United States.					
	— OR —					
status and alie	ed alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, my immigration en number are as follows:					
I hereby attest that my response and the information provided on this form and any related application for public benefits are true, complete, and accurate and I understand that this information may be used to verify my lawful presence in the United States.						
PRINT NAME						
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